

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 811  
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Donna Meade, on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Whitesburg Elementary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Donna Meade is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Donna Meade has recently been selected by her colleagues as Teacher of the Year at Whitesburg Elementary, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Meade received her Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from East Tennessee State University and is working toward earning a Master of Science degree in Instructional Technology; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Meade has served with acumen and alacrity for eleven exemplary years at Whitesburg Elementary and currently is molding young lives as a fourth grade teacher; and

WHEREAS, lending her talents to the educational system of Hamblen County in numerous capacities, Ms. Meade serves as the Chairperson for the Whitesburg School Improvement Plan and is a School Trainer for teacher web pages; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Meade is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Meade truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, according to Dr. Dale Lynch, Director of Schools for Hamblen County, "To be recognized as building level Teacher of the Year by one's colleagues is one of the most prestigious honors one can receive," and Ms. Meade is certainly most deserving of such an accolade; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Donna Meade truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Donna Meade on being chosen as Teacher of the Year at Whitesburg Elementary, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.